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WEDNESDAY
APRIL 15, 1953

I completed my medical examination for the State Department today by having an x-ray taken at the Hotel Astoria.

Messrs. Frank Dennis, Director, Office of Information, SRE, and Allen R. Swim, Deputy Director, came to see me. They wished to discuss their present and future activities in support of European integration movements. I told them that in general I thought any identification of American pressure or sponsorship of this nature (which had regard to sending big American caravans around the countries concerned) would do great harm. I also thought that, except when called upon by the various European movements for assistance of a technical nature that SRE could easily and inexpensively provide, they should be [redacted] wary of becoming involved in such operations. The fact is they have a lot of equipment in the information field for which they have [redacted] little use.

André de Staercke called on me and we talked about EDC and EPC.

I went to see Van Starkenborgh, telling him how much I had enjoyed my trip to Holland. He is still worried over the protocols but says [redacted] he has recommended their approval by the Dutch Government unless objections are presented by the Germans and the Italians.

Tonight Frank and Kitty Giles and the André Dewavrins came to dinner with us. Frank has been transferred from Rome and is now head of the Paris Bureau of the London Times. He is a supporter of the EDC and relatively optimistic about its chances of ratification. Dewavrin is opposed to EDC and made a [redacted] statement against it along what he called "Cartesian" lines. He said, however, that, in spite of his remarks, he thought it would be voted by the French Parliament and offered to do everything he

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could to assist me in my work. He is a close friend of Emile Roche, [redacted] the real power behind the Radical Socialist Party, and says that Roche, whom I hope to see soon, is an enthusiastic supporter of EDC. We had a [redacted] gay evening, not the least feature of which was some magnificent bottles of Château Smith Haut Lafitte 1928.

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